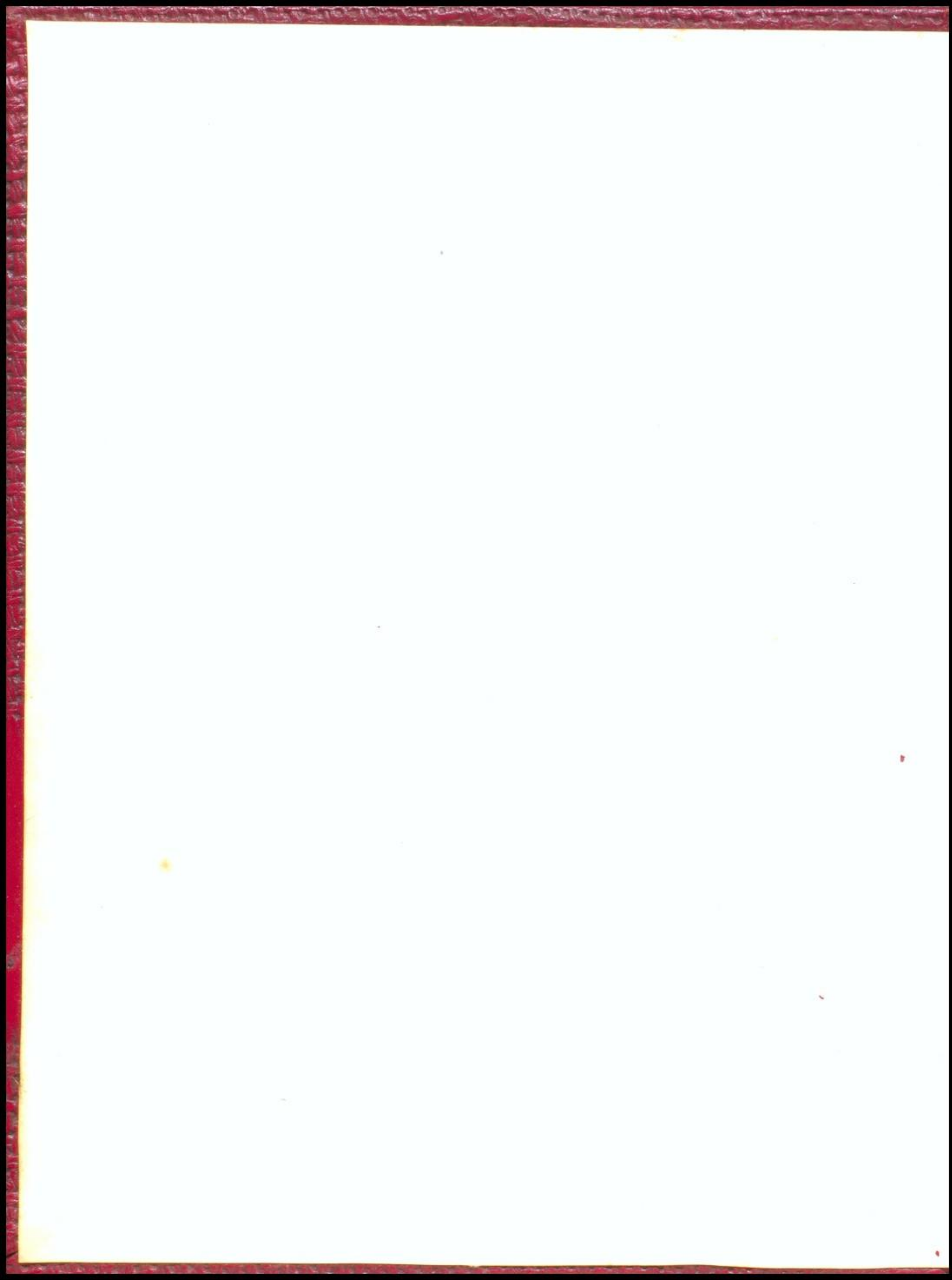
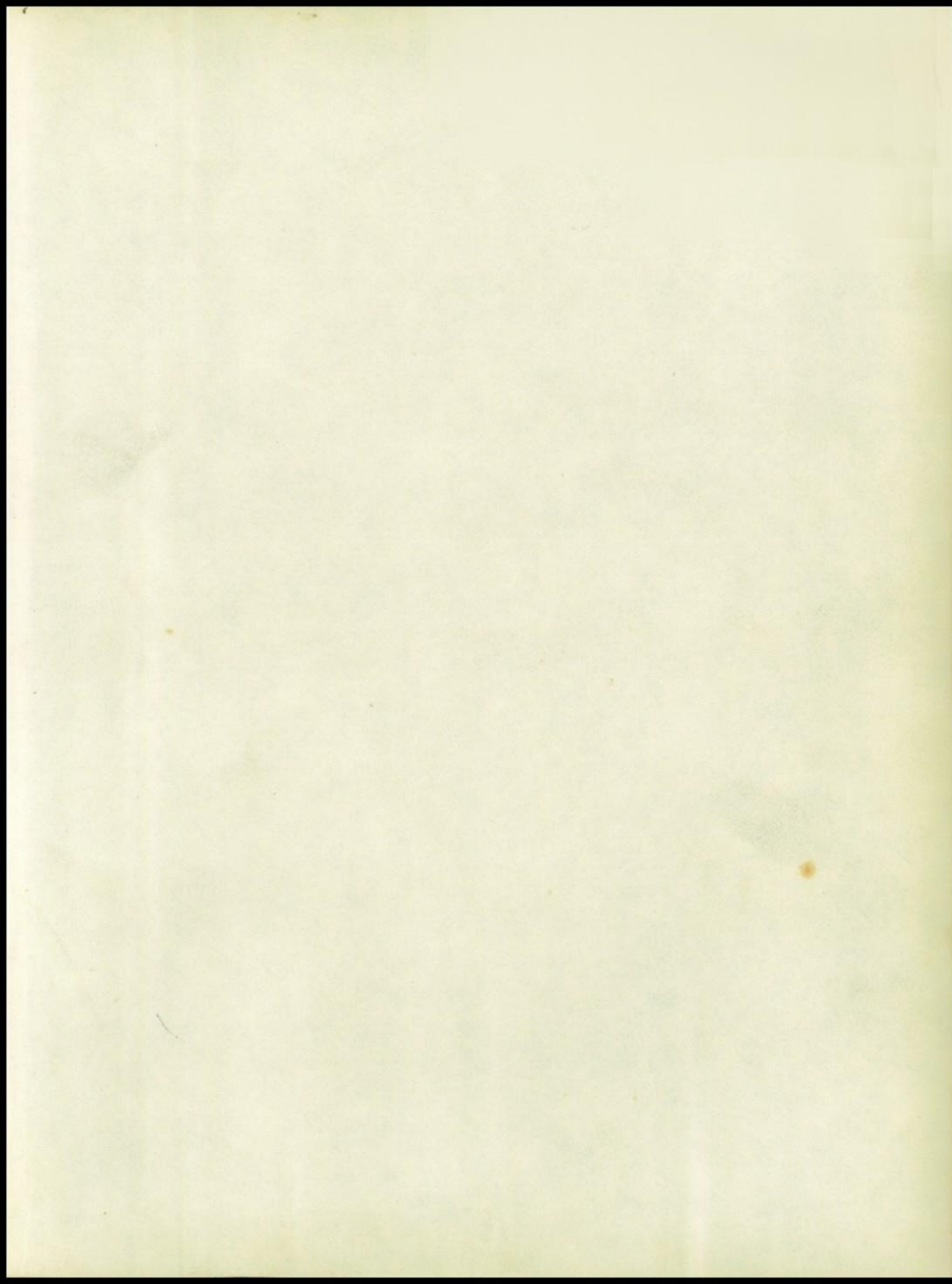


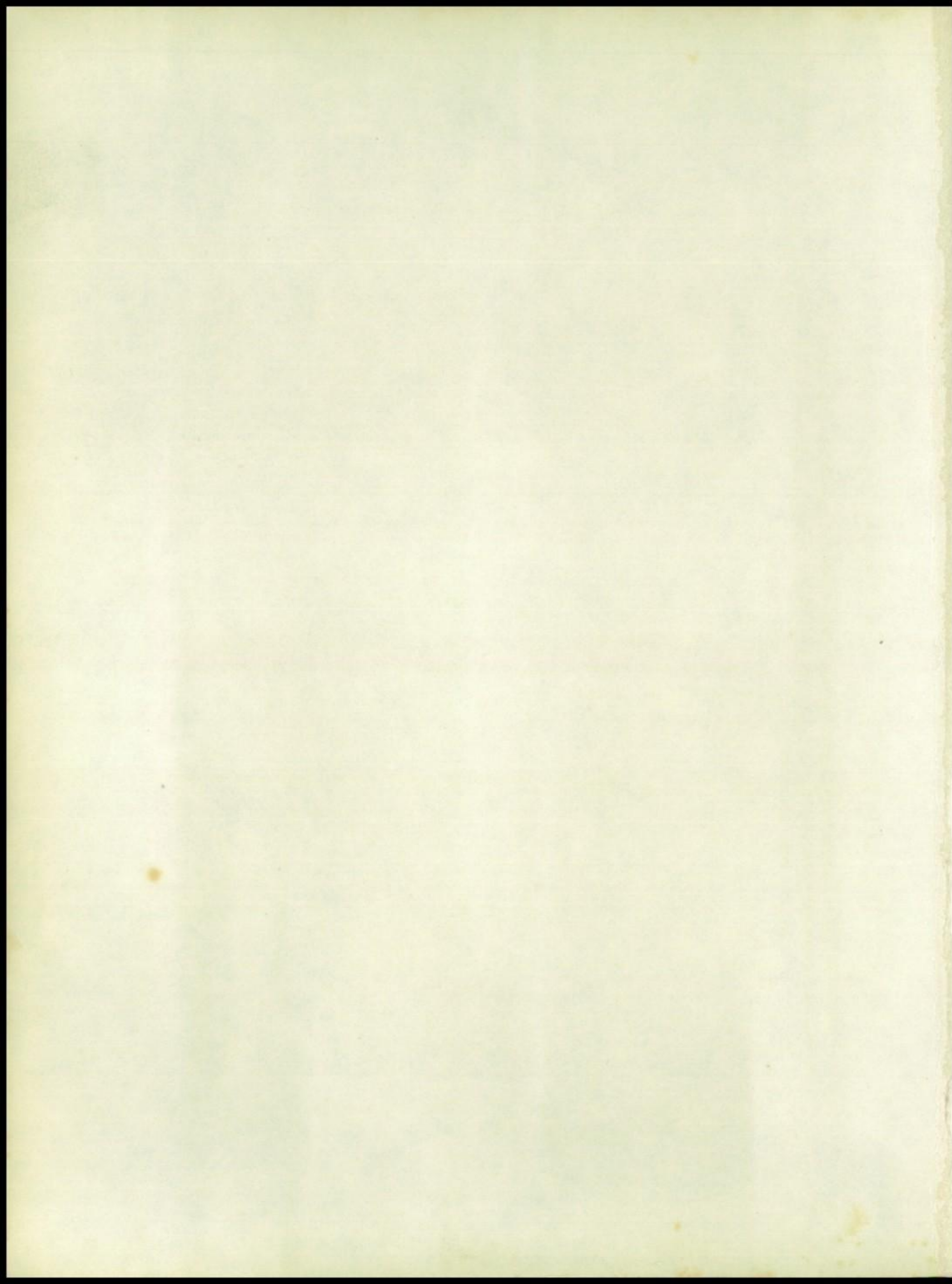
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BLUE MOUNTAIN ECHOES







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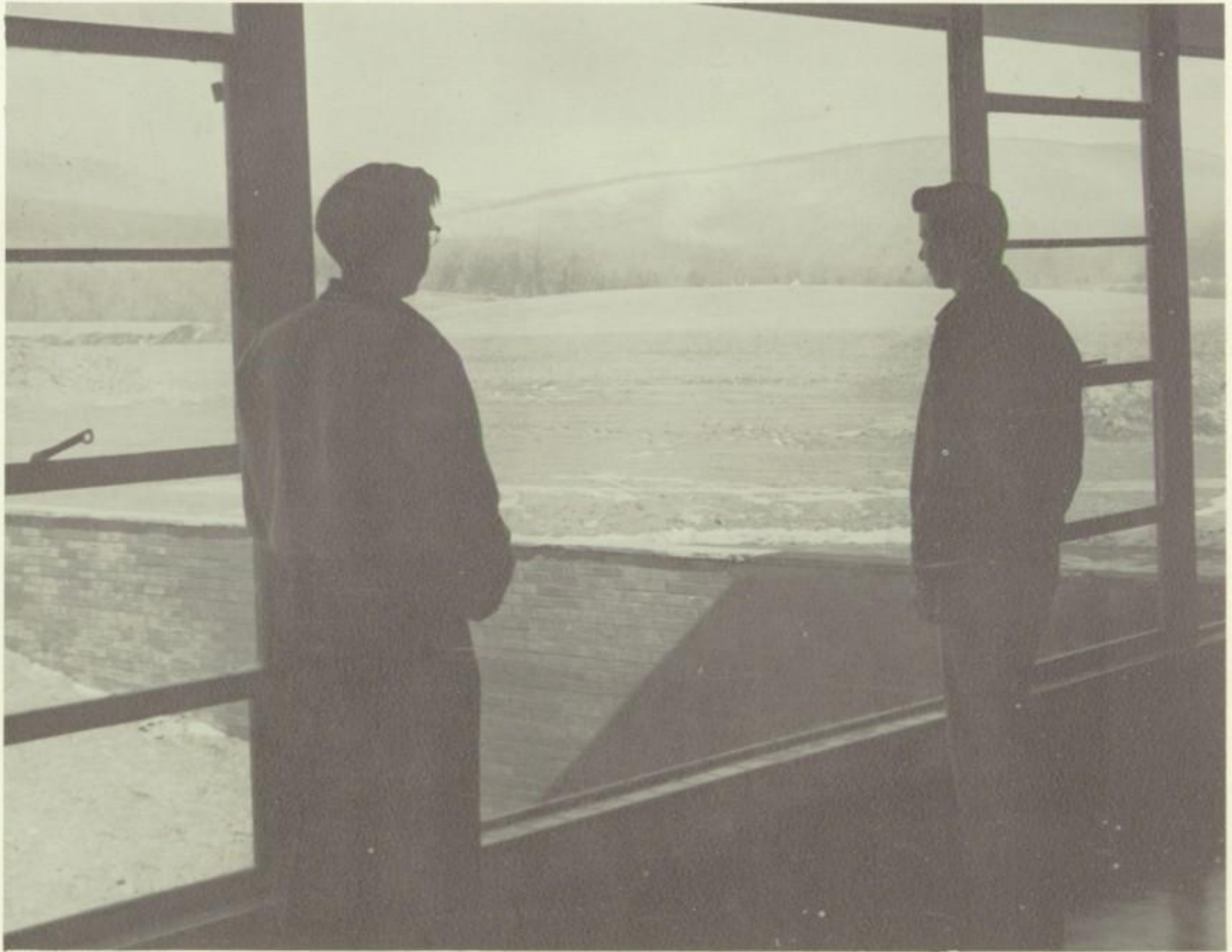
FOREWORD

This 1956 BLUE MOUNTAIN ECHOES comes to you with two objectives.

First, there is the usual burden of every academy annual to record and picture for the teachers and students the pleasant memories of the many and varied associations and activities of this school year. As a memory book this annual will become more precious with the passing years.

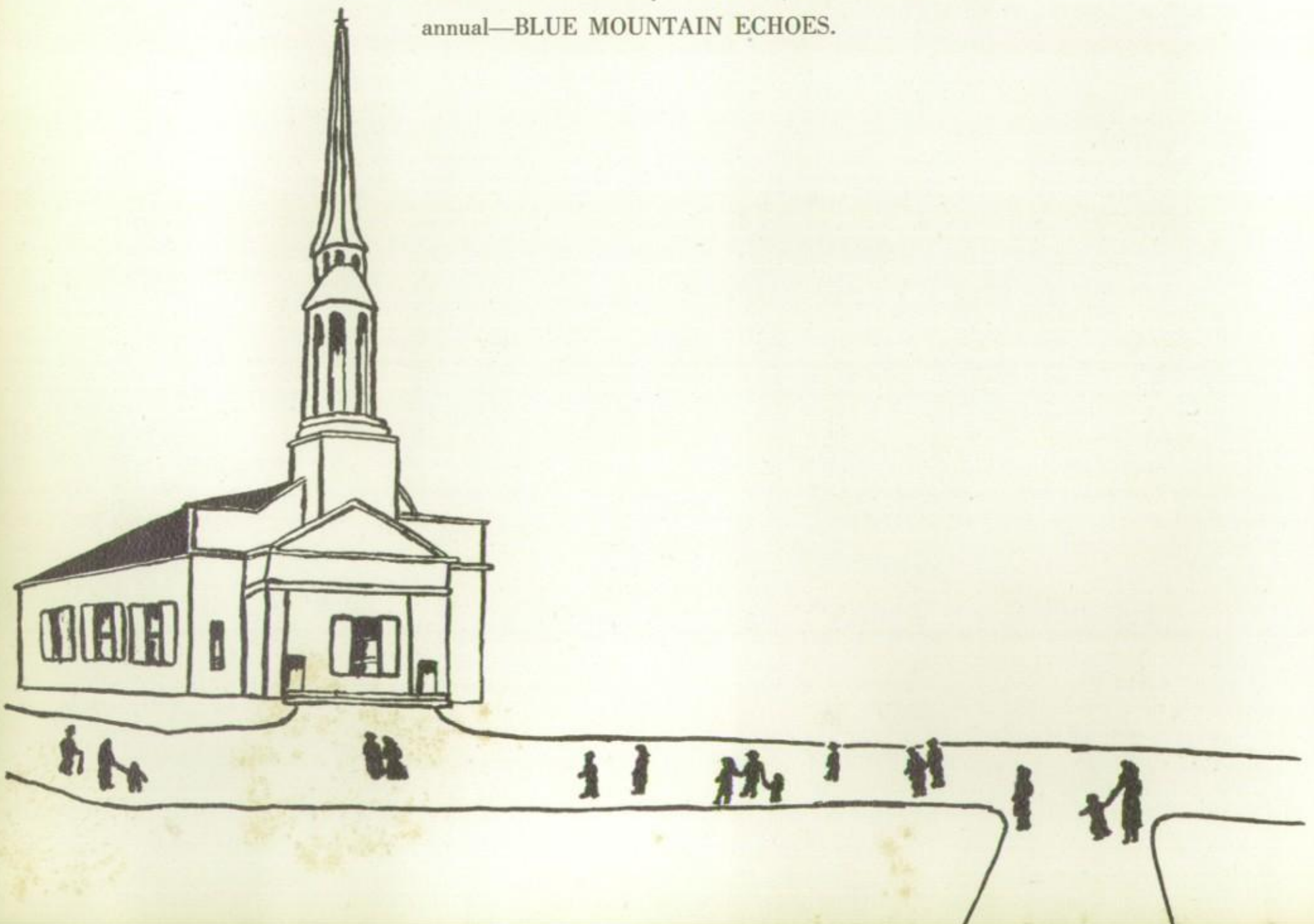
Second—and in this respect this book is unique—it must present for the FIRST time the beginnings of East Pennsylvania's FIRST academy, portraying not only the activities of the FIRST student body but also the early history of this modern School of the Prophets.

NTAIN ECHOES



DEDICATION . . .

They dreamed, they hoped, they prayed, they sacrificed—that the children and youth, nurtured within the borders of their churches, might be sheltered and trained within the protecting walls of a secondary school dedicated to the perpetuation of the loftiest ideals and the highest principles of Christian Education. Thus Blue Mountain Academy came into being. And those whose faith performed the Miracle of Blue Mountain included not alone the parents of children, but all the members of the churches—old and young. Seldom has there been witnessed such unity of action on the part of church and conference leadership. The response of all believers to the challenge “to arise and build” has been unparalleled. In recognition of such a marvelous spirit of devotion and sacrifice, a grateful school family pledges its consecration and affectionately dedicates to the members of the churches of the East Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, this our first school annual—BLUE MOUNTAIN ECHOES.



IN THE BEGINNING . . .

Great institutions have as their foundations momentous decisions. So we trace the beginnings of Blue Mountain Academy back to that warm afternoon of a never-to-be-forgotten Independence Day—July 4, 1948. The place—conference campground, Wescosville. The occasion—the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Fifteenth Biennial Session of the East Pennsylvania Conference. The question before the delegates—“Will the constituency of the East Pennsylvania Conference authorize and support an aggressively planned effort to establish and maintain a boarding academy for the youth of the conference?”

The conference president, Elder T. E. Unruh, voiced the long felt need for a secondary school in the conference to train the ever increasing number of youth eager to serve the cause. The vastness of the undertaking, the heavy costs involved, the proper location of such an institution, the principles upon which it should be built, and the type of training it must offer—all these aspects were studied in an atmosphere of intense earnestness. The entire audience—delegates and all—participated in the discussion and in the balloting. Then came the vote on the main question. Result? The approval was unanimous—there was not a dissenting vote. The great decision had been made.

The main question having been decided, the delegates proceeded to implement their action. The Educational Expansion Committee was created and given power to act for the constituency in the matter of establishing the boarding school. This committee was composed of the members of the Conference Committee, the educational superintendent of the local conference, the Union Conference Educational Secretary, and one lay representative from each of the conference districts. That committee had its first meeting on July 25, 1948, and passed a number of far reaching actions including the appointment of locating, finance and publicity committees, the adoption of a set of standards to govern the selection of a location and the launching of a drive to raise an initial building fund of \$400,000.00—half of which was to be contributed by the church members. The Educational Expansion Committee, at this first meeting, adopted the slogan—“Build in Time for '49”—little realizing the time and effort that would be required to get the project underway.

To those in positions of responsibility it was evident from the beginning that if the 4000 members of the East Pennsylvania Conference would succeed in establishing a million dollar institution the project would have to be undertaken as AN ADVENTURE IN FAITH. To make doubly sure that all church members clearly understood the involvement, the actions of the constituency as well as the actions of the Educational Expansion

Committee were submitted to the churches for study and approval on August 14 or 21, 1948. The result? Ninety-six and one-half percent of the members approved the plans and pledged their support.

The search for a suitable location began immediately. To those charged with this responsibility the experience was a frustrating one. Many properties were discovered, inspected and rejected because they did not meet the standards adopted. So passed the years 1949, 1950 and 1951. “The waiting time is the hardest time of all,” someone has aptly observed. It is also a great strain on faith. This was evident from the building fund receipts. In 1949 the churches contributed nearly \$5000.00 to the fund, in 1950—less than \$1500.00, 1951—\$800.00.

Then Providence intervened. On August 7, 1952, Mr. J. Lee Bausher, owner of the Blue Mountain Springs Dairy, near Hamburg, consented to let conference representatives inspect his holdings even though the property was not listed for sale. From the first contact the impression deepened that this was the place. General and Union Conference representatives were called in for counsel and they reacted enthusiastically. The owner consented to consider an offer. The Educational Expansion Committee inspected the property and recommended its purchase. The Union and General Conference Committees approved the purchase plan. On January 28, 1953, the sales agreement was signed. Final settlement was made on April 1. The members of East Pennsylvania Constituency became the owners of an excellent location—667 acres of land, 169 head of cattle and a full line of farm equipment. The “Blue Mountain Academy To Be” had found a home.

Ownership stimulated faith and increased faith led to unprecedented response. In this first year of ownership there came into the academy building fund the staggering sum of nearly \$220,000.00. The “Big Push” had started.

May 3 and 10, 1953, will be long-remembered days. They were the first official visiting days to the new school property. The members of the churches had been invited to “come and see.” And come they did!! More than 800 people came from 44 churches of the conference. The regularly conducted tours ended on the campus site where dedication prayers were offered. The people were amazed. Many asked, “Is this Canaan’s land?” while others responded—“This is beyond all I expected to find.” As the people traveled to their homes they found in their hearts the echo of a promise—“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for.” The ADVENTURE IN FAITH was in the process of becoming a reality.



On Sunday, May 11, 1952, the Constituency meeting delegation of the East Pennsylvania Conference confirmed an action of 1948 to launch a boarding academy project. The picture above shows the delegate group.



On Tuesday, September 16, 1952, the Great Decision to purchase the land was made by the Conference Educational Expansion Committee, shown at left. The group includes a delegate from each district, the Conference Committee, and representatives of the Columbia Union Conference and the General Conference.

J. Lee Bausher, former owner of the Blue Mountain Academy farms, hands over the deed to T. Edgar Unruh, president of the conference, as R. E. Spangle, former secretary-treasurer, hands over the check to pay for the property. Looking on are the attorneys for both parties. Possession was given on April 1, 1953.



Students and teachers of Philadelphia Academy meet on the campus site of Blue Mountain Academy during a visiting day in May, 1953. More than 500 people toured the grounds, pausing on this spot to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and to dedicate their resources to the accomplishment of the task.





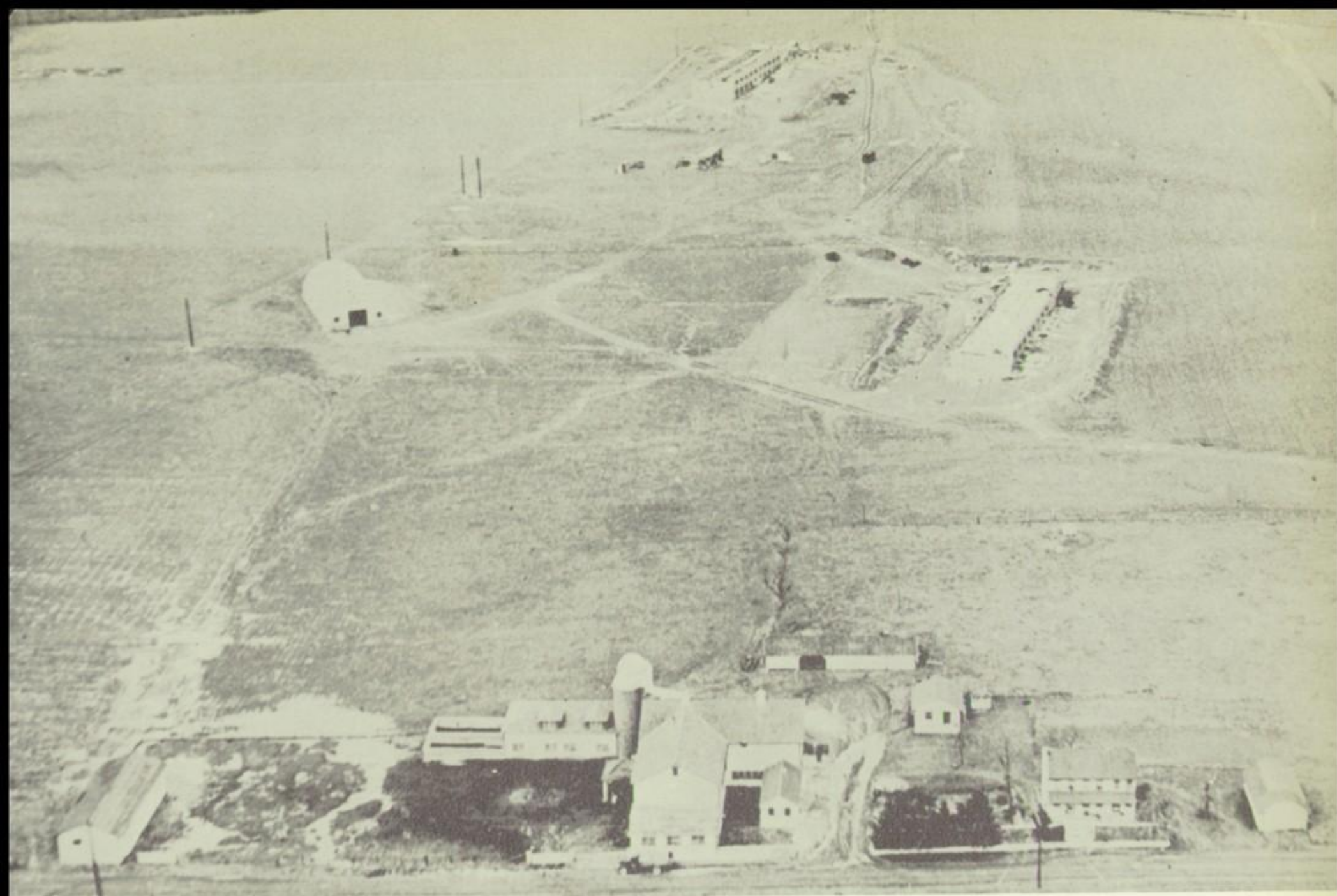
W. B. Ochs, D. A. Ochs, V. A. Fenn, T. E. Unruh.

GROUND - BREAKING CEREMONIES

April 4, 1954

Wielding the shovels are, left to right: W. B. Ochs, Charlene Snyder, D. A. Ochs, E. A. Robertson, David Martin, Harold S. Campbell, and T. E. Unruh.





Soon excavation was begun
and then construction of the
buildings commenced. From
this point the work grew...

... and GREW!





On September 19, 1954, the climax of the Week of Sacrifice, the churches of the East Pennsylvania Conference gave the staggering figure of 22,000 dollars for the new school.





ACADEMY DAY

April 17, 1955

Part of First Faculty Group

Conference Presidents





Girls' Dorm, March 1, 1955



Boys' Dorm, March 1, 1955



Rear of the Dining Hall, Showing the Kitchen

NEARING COMPLETION

Front of the Dining Hall

Both Wings of the Boys' Dorm





SCHOOL



HAS



BEGUN!



Elder and Mrs. T. E. Unruh

IN TRIBUTE . . .

Little do we realize the far-reaching effects of the Call that comes to a man to establish a citadel for God—a refuge for youth. All of the sacrifice and hours of toil only make us more conscious that the goal of life is measured not in silver and gold, but in consecrated devotion to the saving of souls for Eternity.

Each youth who leaves these halls of learning must ever look to you as a leading influence in his opportunity for a Christian education.

A grateful faculty and student body can little express their deep gratitude to you—the inspiring force behind this modern “Miracle of Blue Mountain.”



Elder and Mrs. T. H. Jemison and Barbara

IN TRIBUTE . . .

Only Eternity can measure the debt we owe—

For your guiding principles
For your devotion to an ideal
For your counsel in time of need
For loving service in face of difficulty

A grateful faculty and student body can little express their deep gratitude to you—the first PRINCIPAL OF BLUE MOUNTAIN ACADEMY.



Elder R. R. Adams

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Remember, dear friends, that each day, each hour, each moment, you are weaving the web of your own destiny. Each time the shuttle is thrown, there is drawn into the web a thread which either mars or beautifies the pattern. If you are careless and indolent, you spoil the life which God designed should be bright and beautiful. If you choose to follow your own inclinations, unchristlike habits will bind you with bands of steel. And as you walk away from Christ, your example will be followed by many who, because of your wrong course, will never enjoy the glories of heaven. But if you make brave efforts to overcome selfishness, allowing no opportunity to pass for helping those around you, the light of your example will guide others to the cross.—M.Y.P., p. 212.

faculty

5' 11"





GEORGE MORGAN, Bible, History



W. H. WALKER, Science, Math
LOIS WALKER, Church School



ELDER R. R. ADAMS
Principal, Bible

CHARLES H. SNYDER, Treasurer,
General Business



GEORGE V. SUMMERS, English, Library
JOAN SUMMERS, Home Economics





LLOYD KIDDER, Farm Manager
BETTY L. KIDDER, Registrar, Commercial

Although we were unable to obtain her photo, we wish to give recognition to Mrs. Beltz as the first dean of girls of Blue Mountain Academy.

DOROTHY F. BELTZ, Dean of Girls

LESLIE C. SCOFIELD, Dean of Boys, History
DONNA SCOFIELD, School Nurse



LEE EUSEY, Herdsman, Agriculture
GLADYS EUSEY, Spanish, Commercial

MARIE ELLIS, Dean of Girls





FRANK ARAUJO, Music
JOYCE ARAUJO, Music



ELLENOR WACHTER, Director of Food Service



JOHN H. DAVIS, Chef
IRENE DAVIS, Bookkeeper



LLOYD GROVE, Auto Mechanics

LILLIAN BAUMGARTNER, Laundry



ELMER STONE, Maintenance



seniors





Dear Bob,
I have enjoyed your friendship the
past three years. You are a swell fellow
and have been a
good class officer.

I hardly seem as
 years have past since
 aspiration. I know
 will never forget
 is wonderful time we
 Together. Remember
 Faithful. Remember
 Unto Academy.
 a last Death

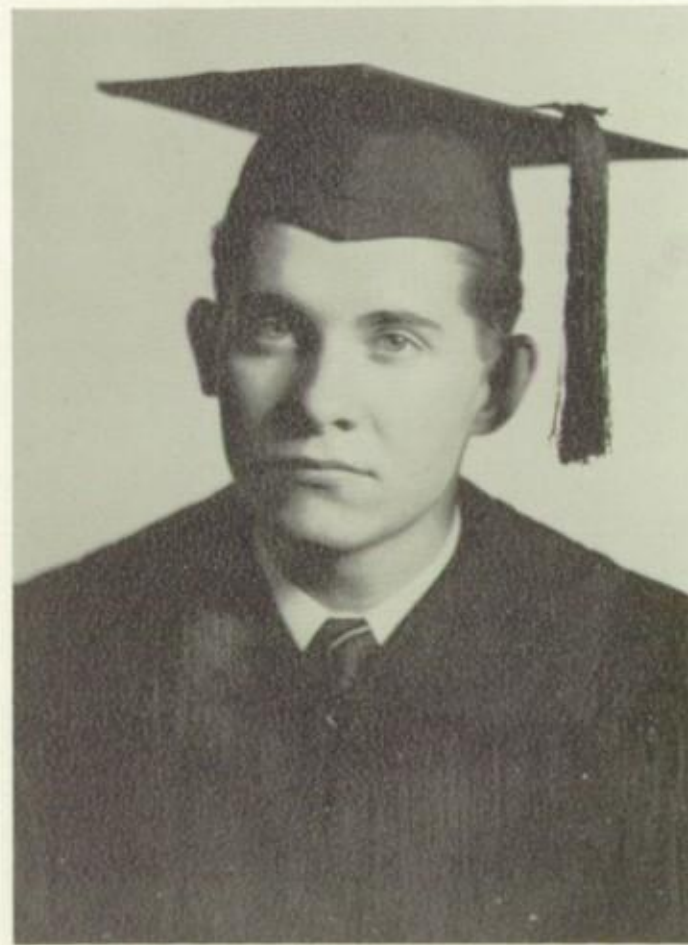


COLORS

Mint Green
Black
White

FLOWER

White
Gardenia

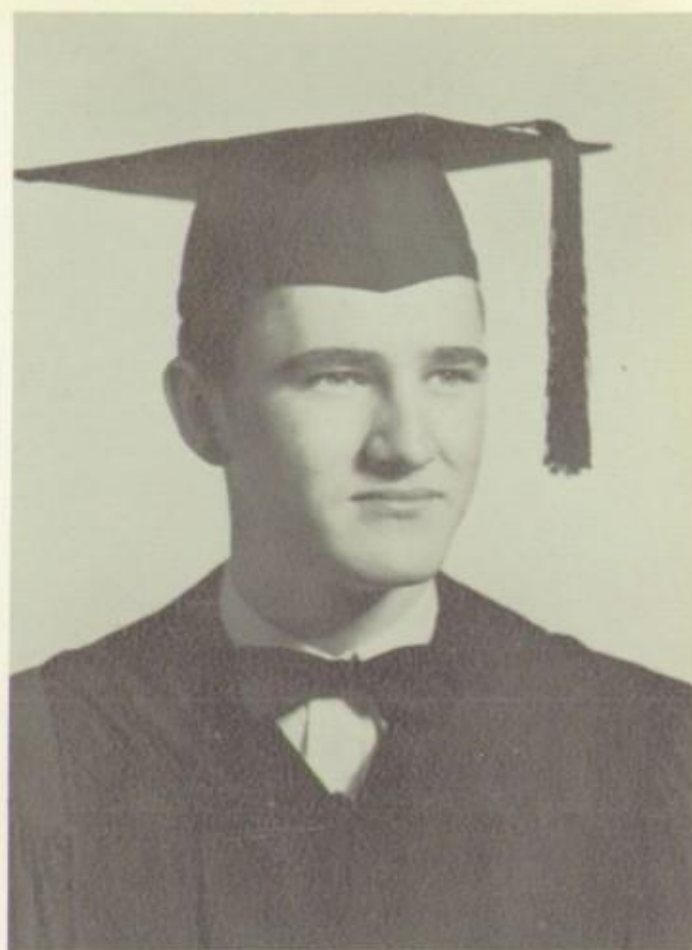




JEANNE LONEY
Secretary

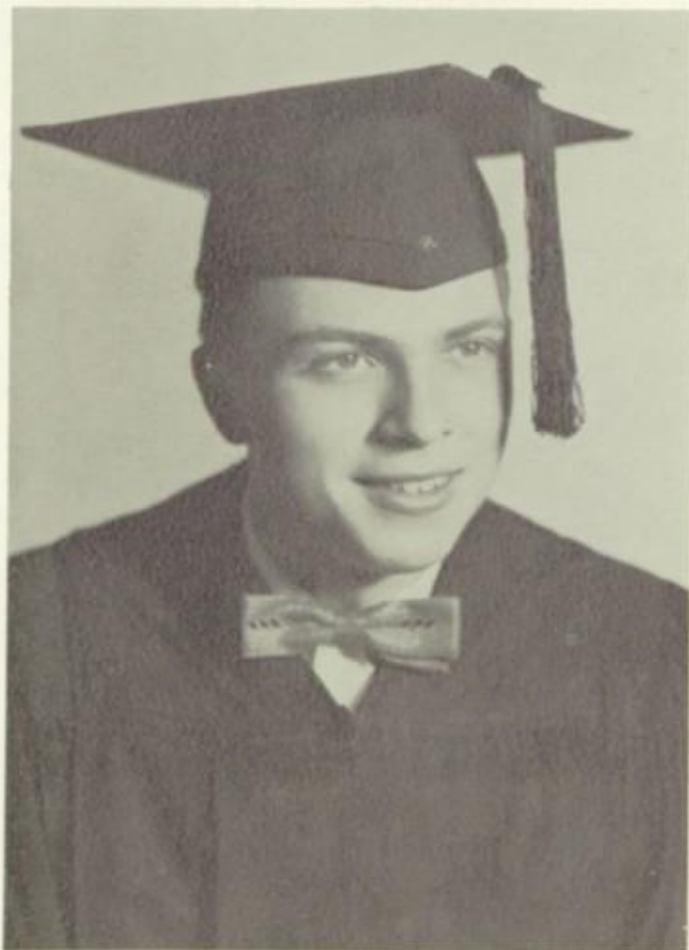
Hometown: Stroudsburg, Pa.
Ambition: Housewife

Dear Bob: I've really enjoyed knowing you these past three years. May your life's ambition be a reality in the future. I am and I have planned double dates for this summer so don't disappoint us. I am glad that you like her as you do because she is sweet and one of my very best friends. May God bless you in your future. A friend always, Jeanne



RONALD ACHENBACH
Pastor

Hometown: Pen Argyl, Pa.
Ambition: Farmer



DICK SPOTTS

Hometown: Wyomissing, Pa.
Ambition: Teacher



LORRAINE WILT

Hometown: York, Pa.
Ambition: Medical Secretary

Dear Bob: I've been a pleasure to be a classmate & friend of yours these past three years. Success has happened to a swell guy. May the Lord richly bless you for all the work you do. A friend always, Lorraine



LARRY MOUNTZ

Hometown: Mohnton, Pa.

Ambition: Doctor



Dear Bob,
It's been a pleasure as
well as a privilege having you on a friend
and classmate these two years.
I'll never forget you and the good
spirit you have.
As you work on your career in
the medical field, I want to wish
you all the luck and success
possible. You are deserving of
them all.
Be true to your friend,
Joyce Garrison

JOYCE GARRISON

Hometown: Palmyra, Pa.

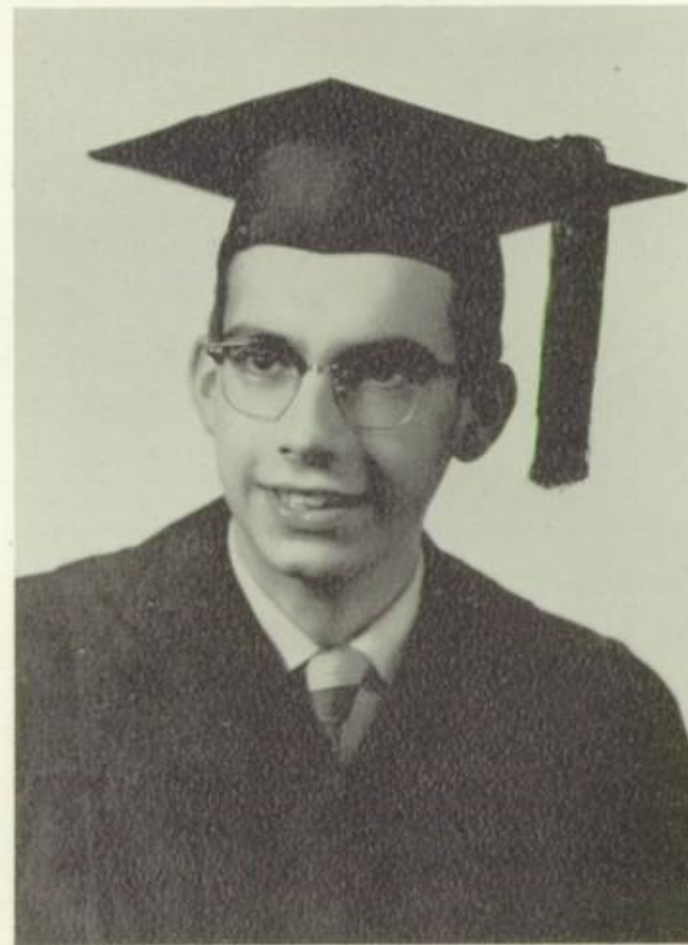
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DARLENE PIFER

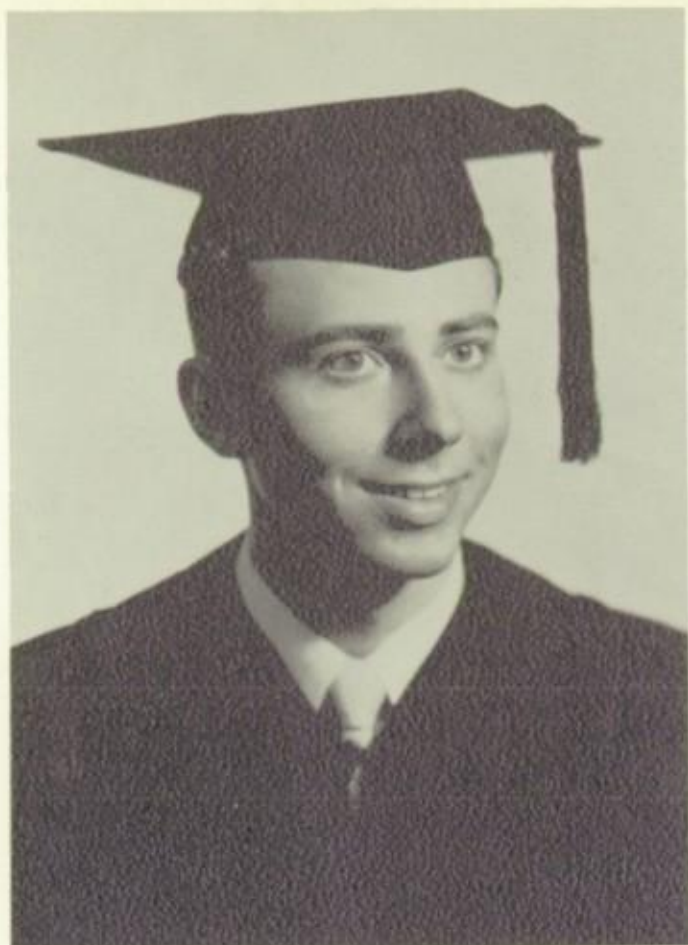
Hometown: Dillsburg, Pa.
Ambition: Elementary Teacher

Dear Bob,
You have really been a small
friend and classmate these
years. I strive to reach
as you of being a doctor
and you have lots of
good things happening.
May you have success and always
be a good friend.
Love,
D. Pifer



ROBERT KERR

Hometown: Youngsville, Pa.
Ambition: Doctor



ROBERT ROWAND

Hometown: Glassboro, New Jersey
Ambition: Farmer



DORIS SCHREFFLER

Hometown: Mifflinburg, Pa.
Ambition: Medical Secretary

*Dear Bob,
Don't forget our
senior class! How
could we? Much
success in whatever
you do in the
future...
A friend,
Doris*



MANDA HARGRAVE

Hometown: Washington, Pa.
Ambition: Missionary



DONALD STARK

Hometown: Ephrata, Pa.
Ambition: Cabinetmaker



ELLA MAE OBERHOLTZER

Hometown: Ellicott City, Md.
Ambition: Secretary

Dear Bob
Best of luck in
the future and
may God richly
bless you.
Ella Mae

Dear Bob
We have been looking
forward to this day.
It has come and it
is now time to go
on with our lives.
Remember all the
times we have spent
together and success
in the future.
Love
George



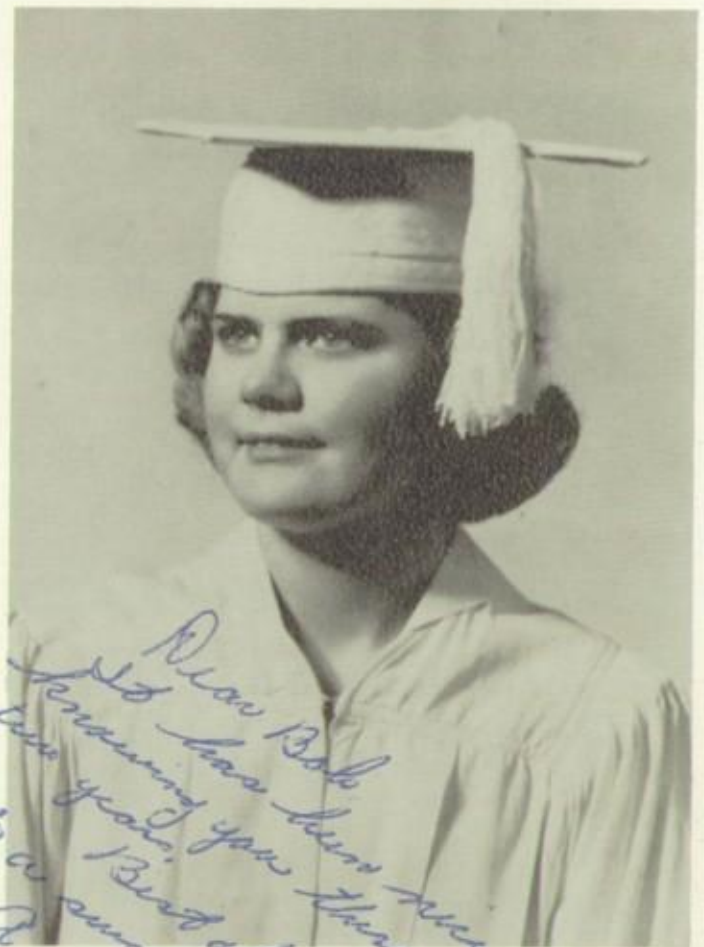
GEORGE HAESCHE

Hometown: Hawley, Pa.
Ambition: Business



FRANK STARR

Hometown: Blossburg, Pa.
Ambition: Business



Dear Bob
To have been with
you this year is
a great joy.
A friend,
Carolyn

CAROLYN LITTLE

Hometown: Richland, Pa.
Ambition: Nurse



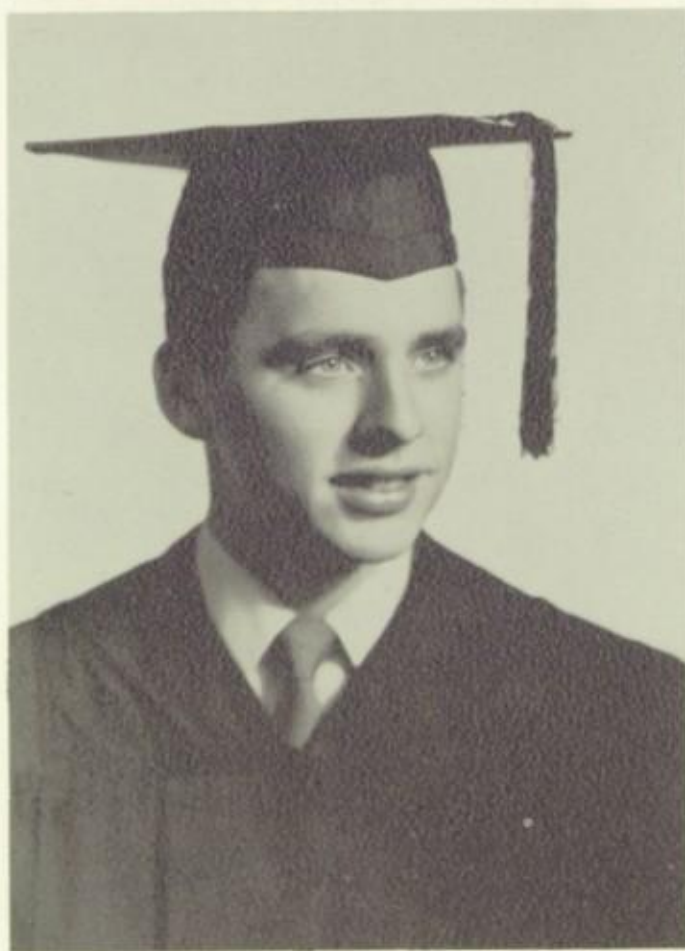
DOROTHY COWDRICK

Hometown: Waynesboro, Pa.
Ambition: Nurse



ARCHIE PRUTZMAN

Hometown: Washington, Pa.
Ambition: Bricklayer



STANLEY GRUBE

Hometown: Coopersburg, Pa.
Ambition: Business

*Bob,
 Do you remember
 all the rare times at
 B.M.A. I'm the clown
 and when you came late
 for supper and I
 had to serve you or
 make something for you?
 Best of luck to a red
 swift guy who has
 a fine ambition.
 I hope you succeed
 may the Lord Bless
 you. Remember the brown
 S. Lane '56*



CHIZUKO NAKAGAMI

Hometown: East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Ambition: Nurse



RONALD ROWE

*Hometown: Waynesboro, Pa.
Ambition: Electrical Engineer*



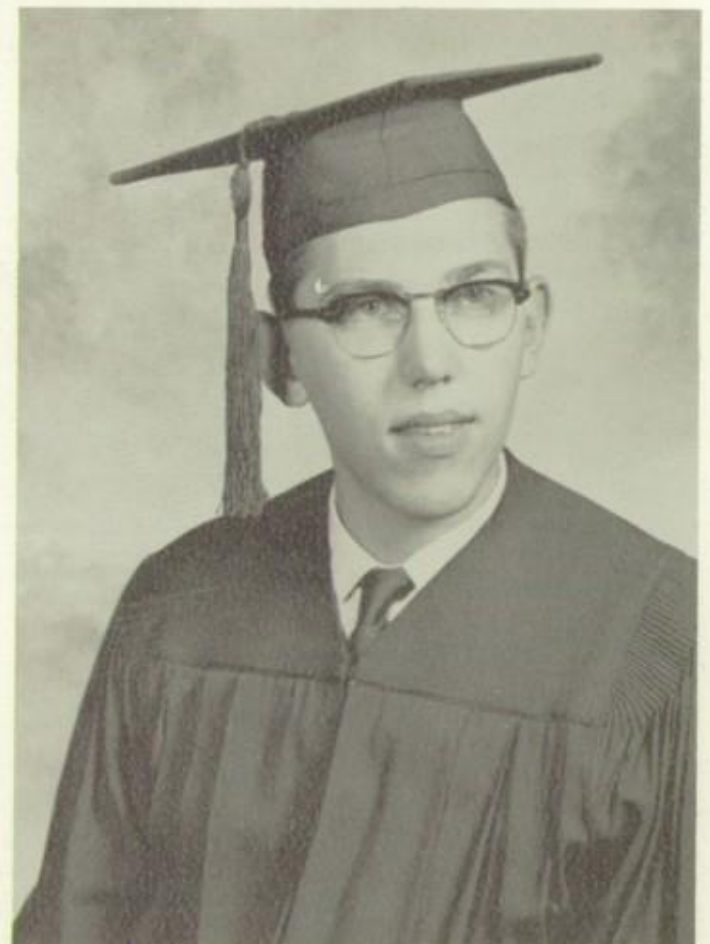
RACHEL KEISSLING

*Hometown: Gettysburg, Pa.
Ambition: Business*



BEBE STEVER

*Hometown: Perkasio, Pa.
Ambition: Housewife*



WILLIAM NEWHART

*Hometown: Bloomsburg, Pa.
Ambition: Minister*

*Dear Bob,
I really have
enjoyed your friend-
ship these past few
years. I really believe
that you will
make an excellent
Dr. Lots of luck and
success to you
always,
your friend always,
Bebe*

juniors



5' 11"





MR. MORGAN
Sponsor



ROBERT NIXON
President

MOTTO: Forward Ever, Backward Never

AIM: Each For The Other; All For God

FLOWER: Lily Of The Valley

COLORS: Royal Blue And White

*Dear Bob,
It certainly has
been a pleasure knowing
you, and a privilege
to be your neighbor.
I've so much enjoyed your
friendship and I will
miss you next year.
Be good and best of luck
to you and your further life.
I'll be through your friend,
Lois*

LOIS VAN CLEVE
Vice President

RONALD BARNEY
Treasurer

*Dear Bob,
It was really
nice having you
for a classmate
and one more.*

*never forget
P.A. and B.M.A.*

*May the
Lord bless you
in the future.*

*a friend,
Joan*

JOAN ACHENBACH
Secretary





FRANK DIMEMMO
Pastor

*Frank, it's nice being
this year
less keep
over the line
may be the success
you.
To a great guy.
a friend
cronie*



IRVIN HARRISON
Sergeant-at-Arms

*Dear Bob,
This school year has really flown
by and it sure has been great knowing
you are a wonderful fellow and
I just said when you are Doc.
I want you to give me job service.
But of course in all your do.
I will be in your friend always
"I do"*



RUTH SCHEIR

*Dear Bob,
I have enjoyed having you
as a friend for two years.
Best of luck in the
future as you strive to
be a doctor. I know
you will be a
good one.
a friend always
Ruth*

EARL EIRICH

KATHRYN SCHEIB

ROY DINGLE





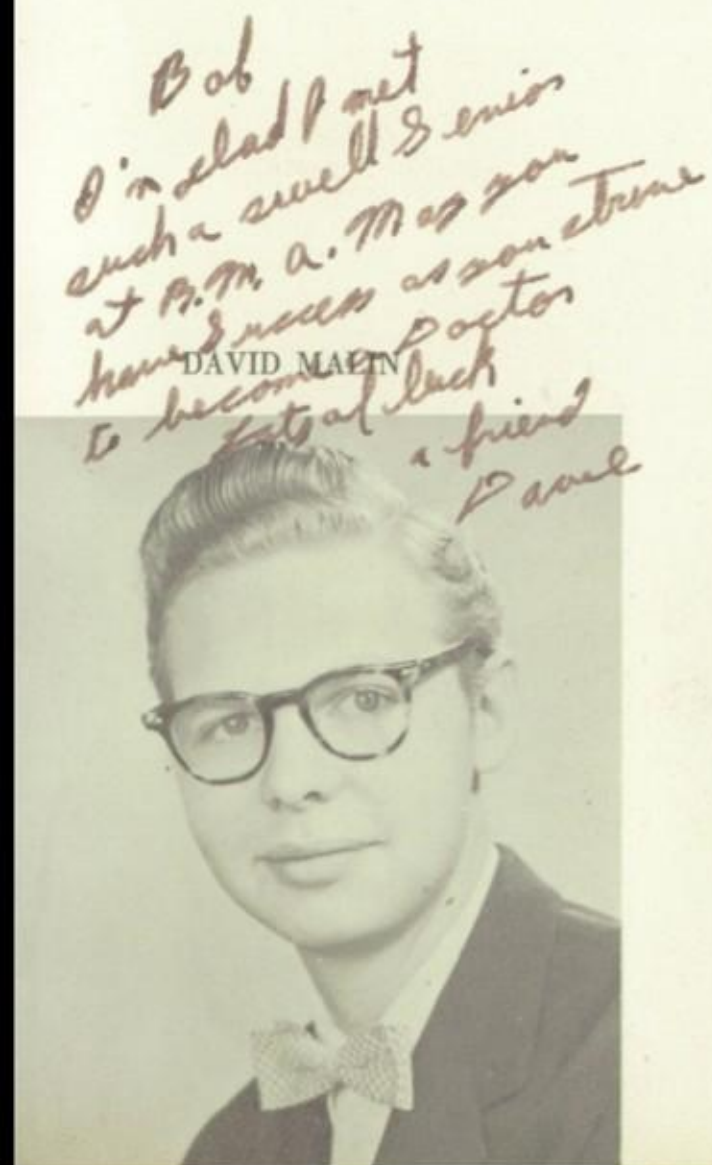
LOIS BOYER



JAMES SMITH



BONNIE GERNET



DAVID MARTIN



EDNA BECKER



GEORGE BARKMAN

Dear Bob

Dear Bob

Best of luck to one of the nicest fellows I've ever known. You'll make a good de. I'm sure. May God bless you. "Lois"

It has been a pleasure to work and go to school with you. I'll miss you as much as I can. Love, Buddy Jim

A Buddy Jim

Bob I'm glad I met such a swell Senior at P.M. A. M. as you have & need as someone to become a doctor. Lots of luck & a friend Dave

Salutations to a fine person. Good luck in all you do. A friend, Edna

Bob



JANET ANEWALT

Dear Bob,
Best of success
to a future "doctor".
May as speed serve
you as speed serve
him. Sincerely,
Janet



LEON GAREY

Bob,
It's been nice
knowing your close
friend. I hope you
may God bless
your future.
You



BARBARA DOWER

Dear Bob -
It's been really swell
knowing you this year.
All our love this year's
time. May the Lord
bless you and help
you as you fulfill
the dream of your life
to become a Doctor.
Lots of luck.
A friend always,
Barbara

Dear Bob,
This year has
come to an end so soon.
I wish all the luck and
success to you as you become
one of the "World's greatest Doctors".
Always keep God as
your guide and your life
will surely be a happy
one. a friend,
Saundra

SAUNDRA GATES

FRANKLIN FOWLER



KAYE HILL



Dear Bob



I will always
remember you.
I hope you'll
be a great
doctor.



NANCY STARK

Dear Bob
I'll always
remember you as
a jolly Senior
who never had
a dismal look. Luck
& success to a
sweet guy.
a friend always
Nancy



ERHARD SCHLENKER



MARJORIE FOWLER

Dear Bob
It has been
nice knowing
you always remember
Gma. may the Lord
bless you. "Nellie"

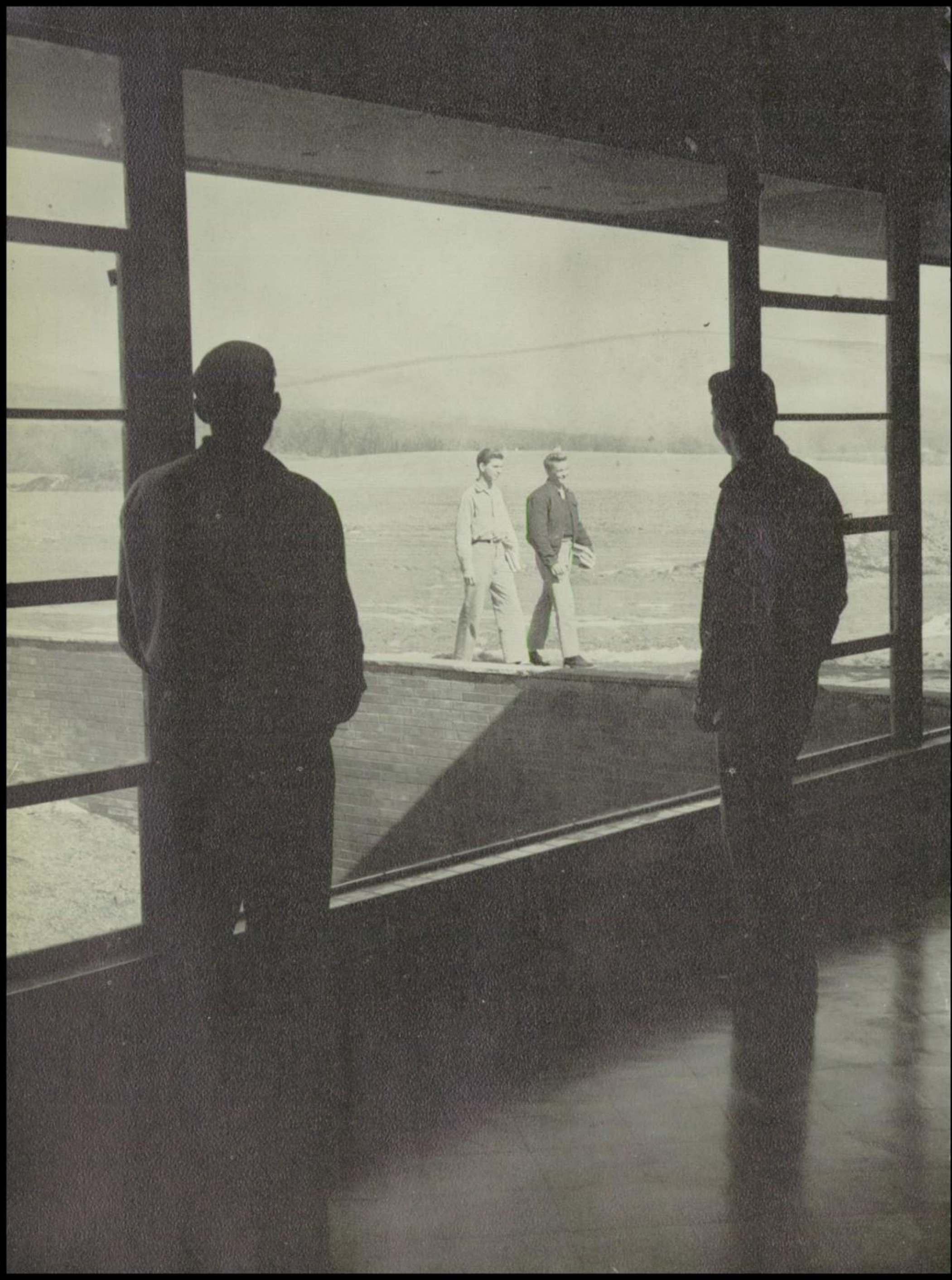
NELLIE HOLTRY



JAMES LUTZ



DONNA SNIDEMAN



sophomores



5' 11"





Dear Bob,
I have really enjoyed
your friendship & hope
you will stay here
with us. May God
bless you & your
family. I am to become
a Doctor as ever,
Audrey

AUDREY VAN CLEVE
Vice President



DORIS WRIGHT
Treasurer



ROBERT DELAFIELD
Pastor



DIANE GRIFFITH
Secretary



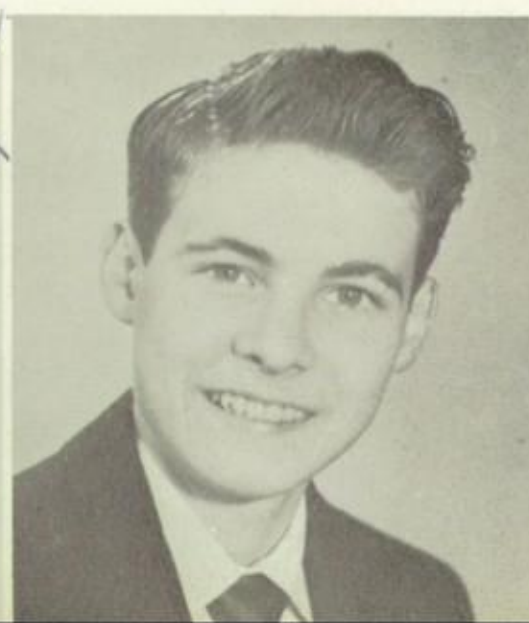
MR. ARAI
Sponsor

Dear Bob,
It hardly seems possible
that we haven't been life-long
friends, for it seems as if I have
known you all my life. Really
Bob, I can truly say that you have
been a great inspiration to us this year.
Your an Ideal Student and you shall
Come to mean so much to us. We shall
always think of you as one of the family and
Please always feel welcome to come & stay
with us where ever we are. I shall be looking
to the future with great interest to see what
you will do with your self. I expect to see you
be the best Dr. that anyone ever was.
Always remember the Mission in the Mission
Dept. And don't fail to call help because
we may be of any kind great
joy in helping group like you
Brothers I And I find great
joy in it. Thank you

BERNICE TOPAKIAN
President



RALPH HUVO



FREDERICK HERZEL



PHILIP BALDWIN

Dear Bob,
Best of everything
to you in the future.
I know if you will
make out wonderful
in college. I shall
never forget the good
times we shared at
P.A. and B.M. always
remain faithful to
ourselves.
Sincerely yours,
Donna

DONNA AIKEN



DEITER ZIPP



NEIL GRIFFIN



JUDITH WEIGLEY



LYNDON YETTER



NANCYLEE EUSEY

"Bob"
Best of luck
to a swell guy.
May the Lord richly
bless you. Nancy Lee

ROBERT BRAND



"Dear Bob"
you are one of the nicest fellows
here. Take it easy with (Dorothy)??
Remember you "star" you have
at B. M. P. may God send his
rich blessings upon you

ORRIN CARBAUGH

EVELYN BAUMGARTNER

Dear Bob,
It's been long
since knowing you
this year at B. M. P.
May the Lord Bless
you in all that you
do.
Paul Patton

MADELINE BUCKLEY

PAUL PATTON



freshmen



5' 11"





ALAN LONG
President



BARBARA JEMISON
Vice President



RONALD ROWAND
Treasurer



MR. WALKER
Sponsor

"Bob"
always remember
our days at Blue Mt.
Lots of Luck in your future
May the Lord Richly Bless you
Rommi

Dear Bob,
and may success
and happiness
always be yours.
It's been a sweet
knowing you this
year. You're a sweet
senior. God richly bless
you in your future
years.

JACQUELINE JENSEN
KENNETH SNEDDEN

Dear Bob,
I've really enjoyed
knowing you this past
year. Always remember
the good times in the
club trips & graduations say
may the Lord bless you and
may you always be a friend
to a friend always.
Jackie

Dear Bob,
Best of luck
to a swell guy.
May the Lord Bless
you.



IAN NIELSEN
AARON SLATER
CAROLYN HANBACK





GLADYS FELTMAN
MORRIS ARNOLD
RUTH KUNDINGER

Bob,
It has been real
fun knowing you.
Lots of Luck & God's
blessings to a swell guy.
A friend,
Ruth



GRANT DAUGHARTHY
LINDA CLARK

Dear Bob,
It has been a
pleasure knowing
you this year -
forget n.s. or
piddles. Great
to a real good
guy.
Linda
"Annexell"

Dear Bob,
I've really enjoyed
knowing you at B.M.A.
this year. Remember our
good
tipping
class!

KENNETH STURM
RAYMAH RENNELS



*May God richly bless
you in all your
endeavors.
Kenneth*



EARL PATE
DIANE KARSHNESKI
PAUL WEIGLEY



VICTOR VASSAR
 CONNIE WINCHESTER
 NORRIS DAUGHARTY

*Dear Bob
 Remember all the
 good times we had
 as C. P. A
 Victor*

*"Bob"
 Fate of good luck
 to you so far
 your friend
 Connie*

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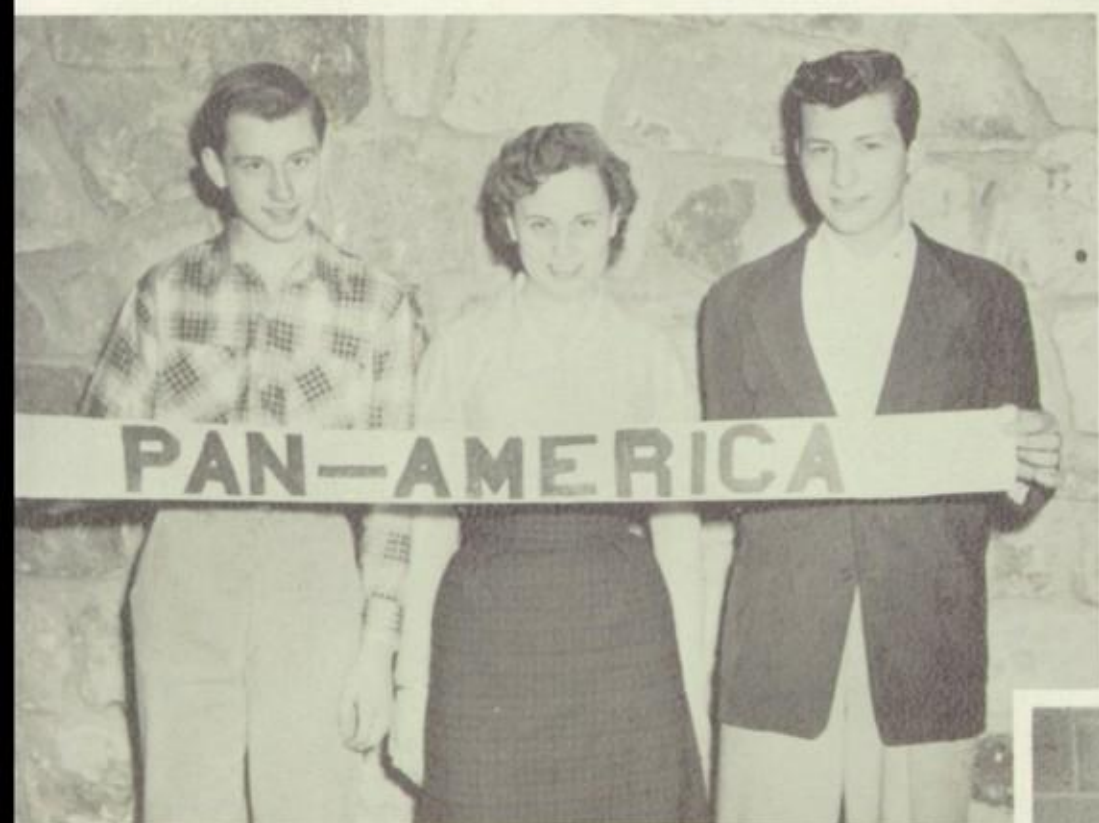




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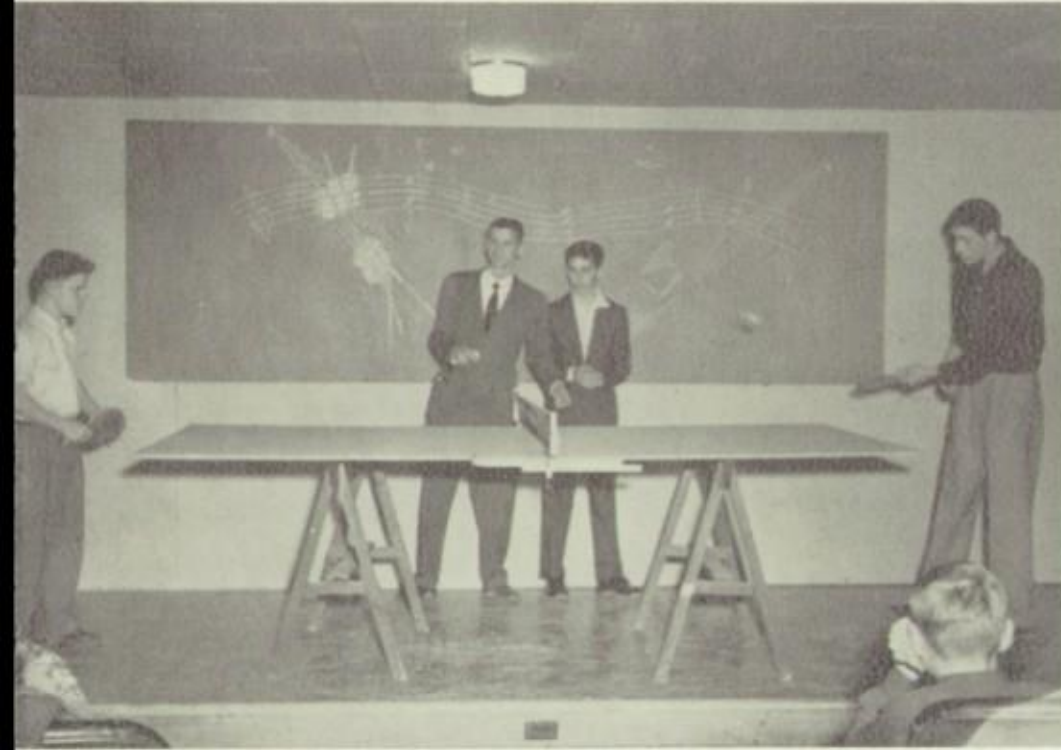
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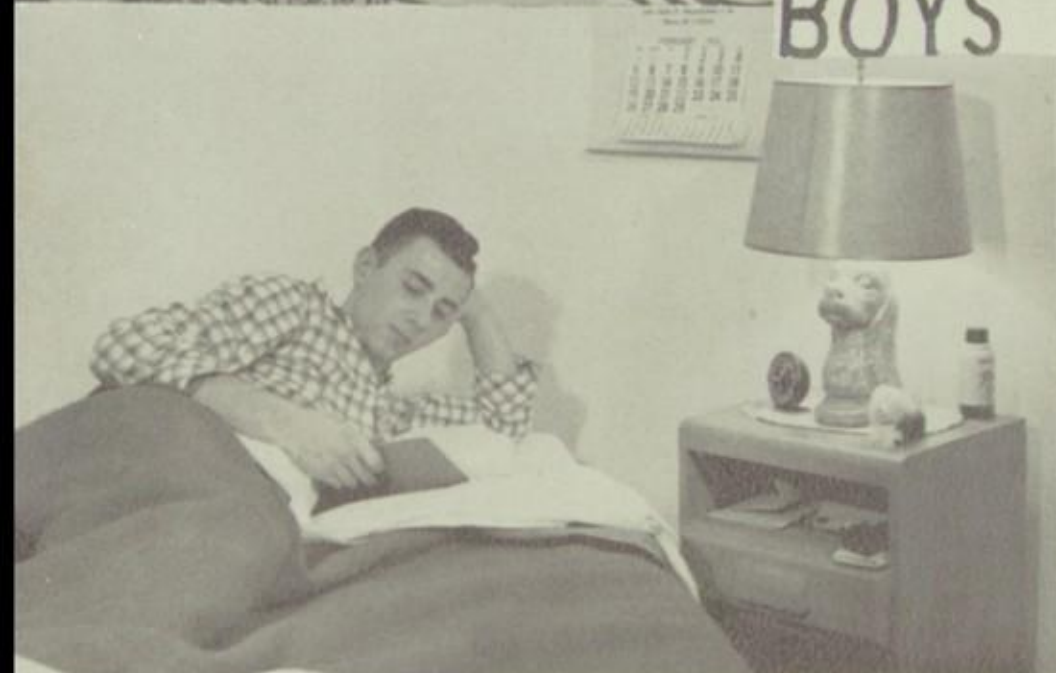


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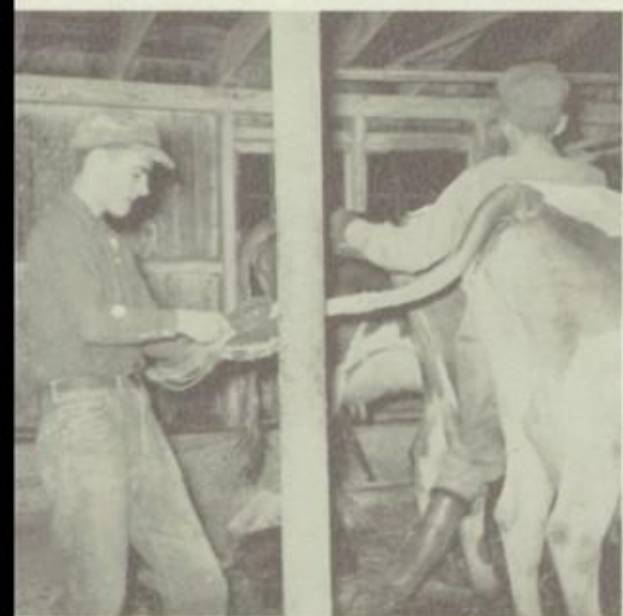


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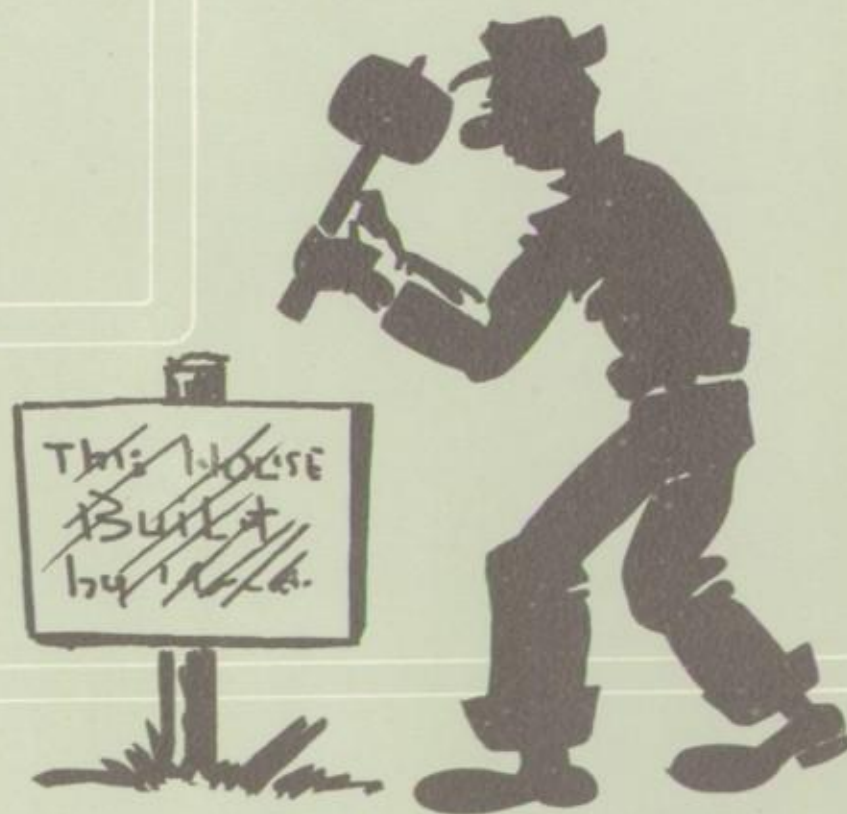


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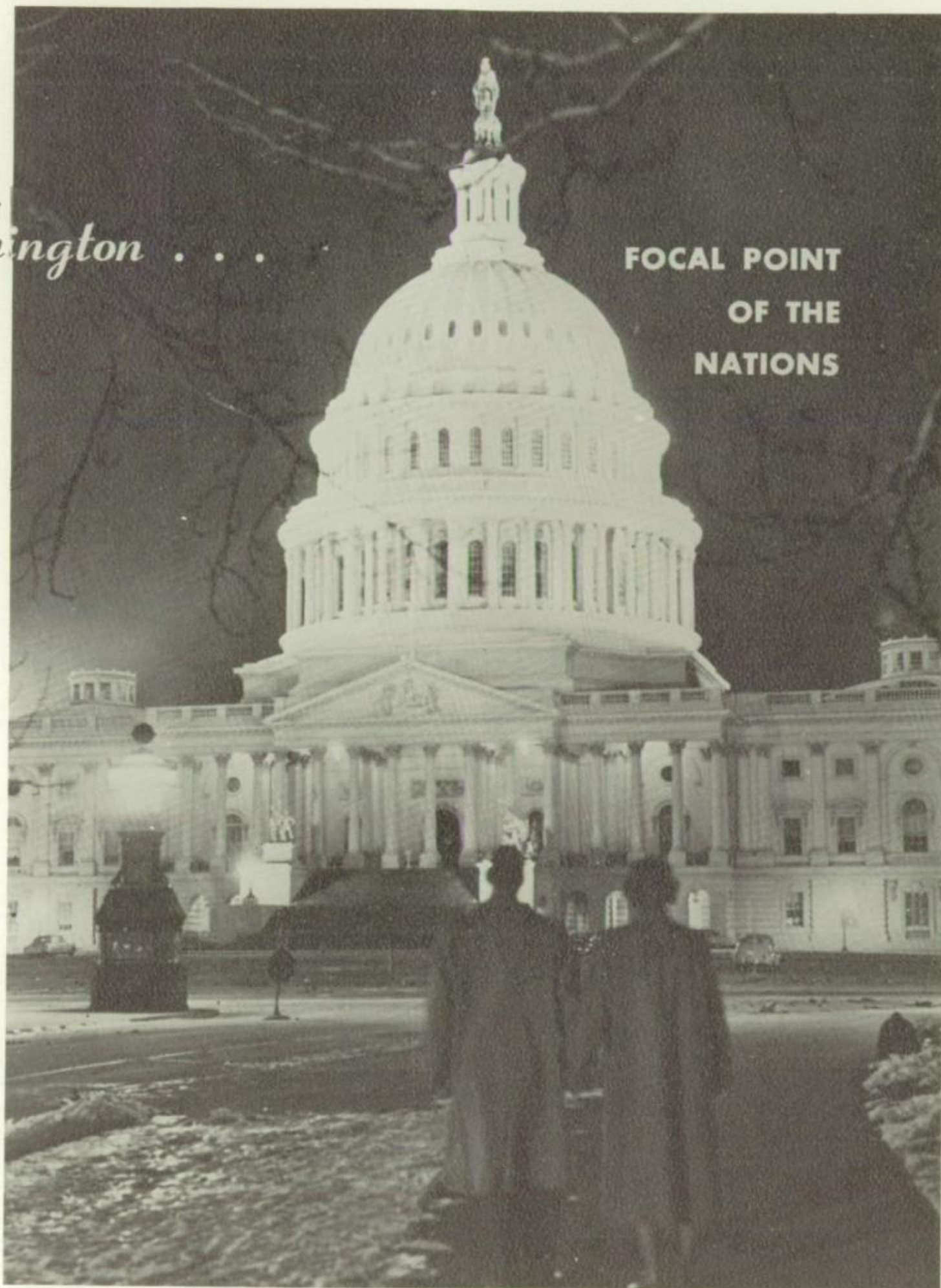
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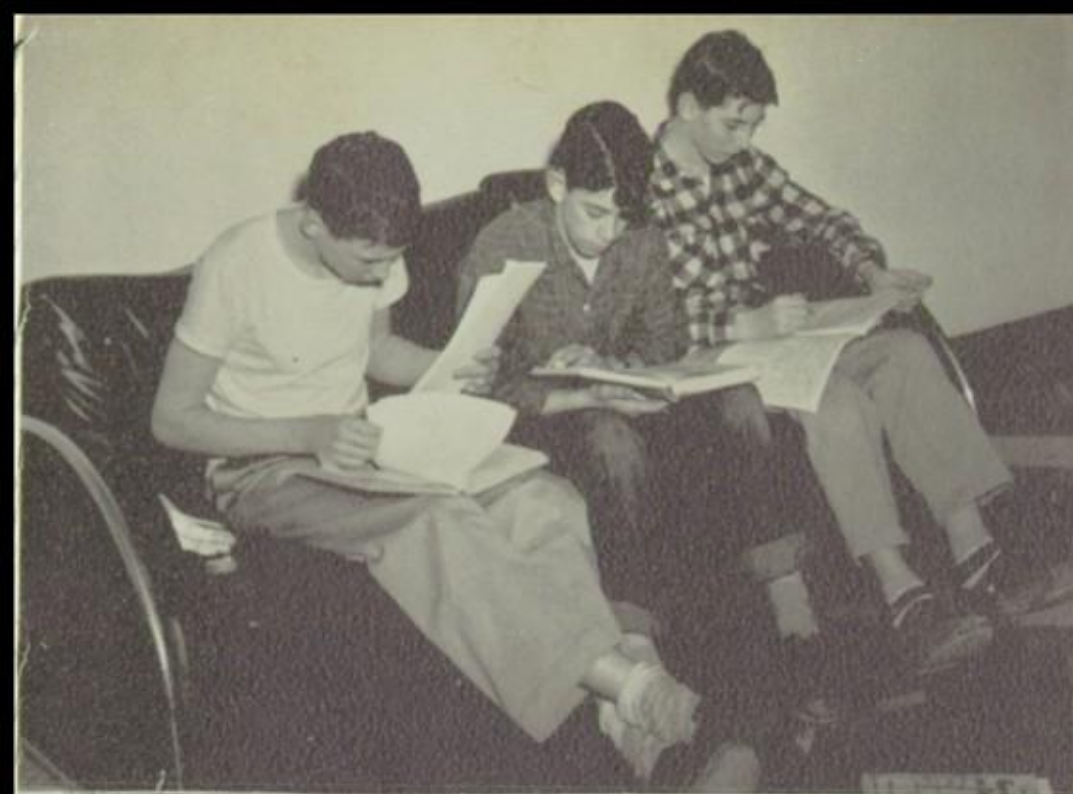


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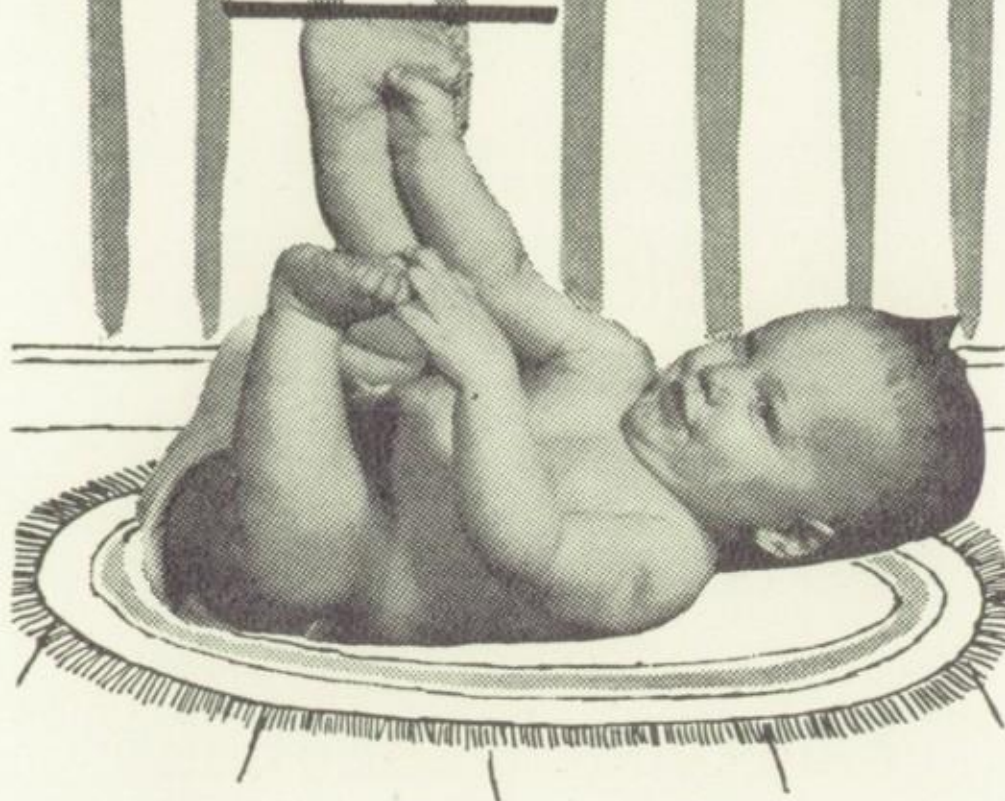
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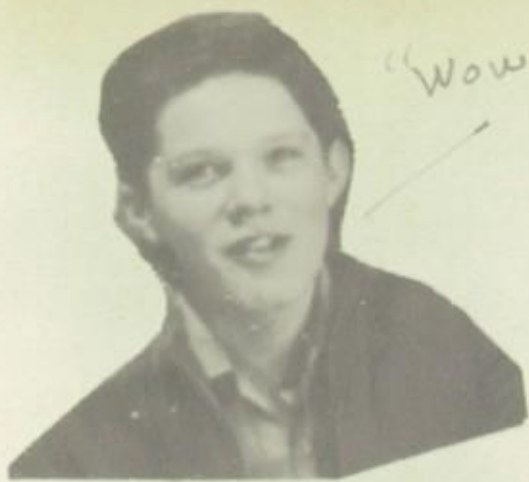
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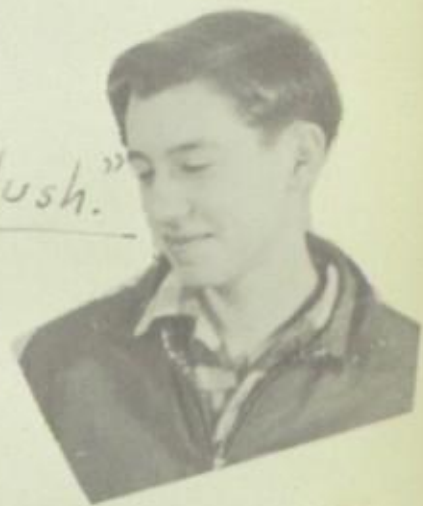
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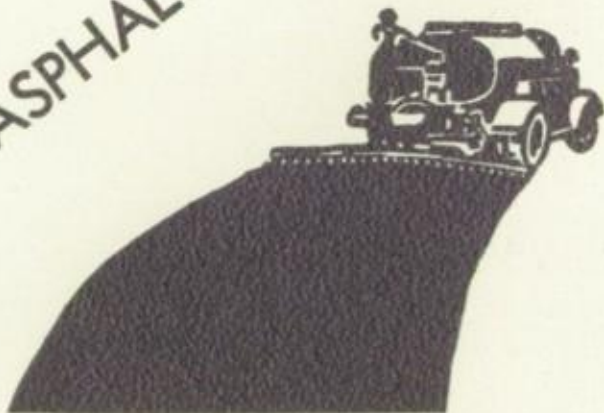
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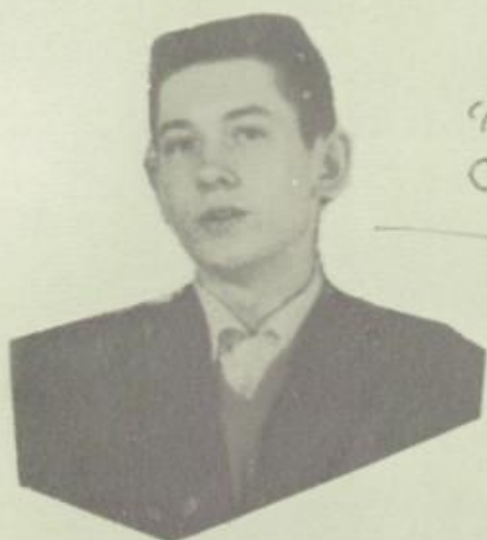
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"I'm not really
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"Yeah, do you really
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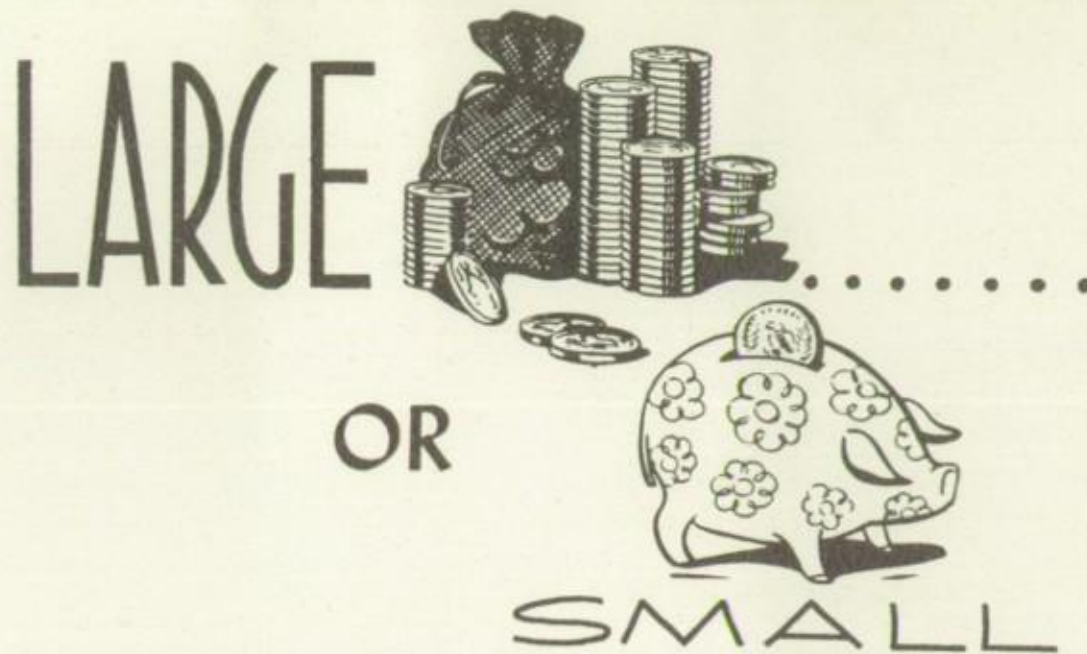
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